

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

A. The Applicants request that the following paragraph be substituted for the paragraph that starts at line 20 on page 7 and ends at line 4 on page 8:

The bag depicted in FIG. 1 further comprises a flap or panel 112 that extends from the bottom of the receptacle 102 in a direction away from the top of the bag. The flap 112 is a rectangle having a length equal to the width of the receptacle 102. The flap has a line 114 of weakened tear resistance that extends along substantially the entire length of the flap 112 in parallel with and spaced apart from the string zipper 106. The line 114 of weakened tear resistance may comprise a line of spaced perforations, a scoreline, or any other functionally equivalent structure. The flap 112 can be integrally formed with either the front or rear wall of the receptacle 102. The flap 112 has a pair of circular holes 116 which are spaced apart along a line running generally parallel to the line 114 of weakened tear resistance. These holes are used to mount each bag on a pair of posts or wicket legs (not shown in FIG. 1) to form a stack. Slits can be used instead of holes. Exemplary slits are indicated by dashed lines 118 in FIG. 1.

B. The Applicants further request that the following paragraph be substituted for the paragraph that starts at line 24 on page 11 and ends at line 2 on page 12:

Nor is the invention limited to having two female profiles on one zipper strip and two male profiles on the other zipper strip. In the first place, the string zipper

could have one complementary set of male and female profiles, or it could have more than two complementary sets of male and female profiles. Furthermore, in the case of two complementary sets of male and female profiles, one zipper part could have one male profile and one female profile, while the other zipper part has one female profile and one male profile. Other variations should be apparent to persons skilled in the art of reclosable ~~resealable~~ packaging.

C. The Applicants further request that the following paragraph be substituted for the paragraph that starts at line 3 on page 13 and ends at line 18 on page 13:

The slider 10 shown in FIG. 3 is more fully disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/367,450. The slider 10 comprises a top wall 32, a pair of side walls 34 and 36 connected to opposing sides of the top wall 32, the top wall 32 and side walls 34, 36 forming a tunnel for passage of the string zipper therethrough. The ends of the slider are open to allow the zipper to pass through. The width of the tunnel is substantially constant along the section that is divided by the plow and then narrows from a point proximal to the end of the plow to the closing window at one end face of the slider. The narrowing section of the tunnel is formed by a pair of substantially planar, inclined interior surfaces (not visible in FIG. 3), which converge toward the closing window of the slider. The inclined surfaces funnel or squeeze the zipper strips toward each other, causing the zipper profiles to interlock, as the slider is moved in the closing direction. ~~The side walls 34 and 36 are formed with concave curved indentations where the user may place the tips of an index finger and a thumb for gripping the slider. Alternatively,~~

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~~convexities (e.g., ribs) could be formed on the sides of the slider to facilitate grasping.~~